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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 13367

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EO 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, MILI, IN, BG

SUBJ: REPORT OF INCREASED PATROLLING ON BANGLADESH  
BORDER

REF: NEW DELHI 13141

1. A MAJOR IN THE OPERATIONS SECTION OF THE EASTERN  
COMMAND OF THE INDIAN ARMY INFORMED CONGEN CALUCTTA THAT  
THE EASTERN COMMAND HAS STEPPED UP ITS SURVEILLANCE AND  
PATROLLING OF THE BANGLADESH BORDER. THERE HAS NOT,  
HOWEVER, BEEN A FORMAL INCREASE IN THE ALERT STATUS OF  
THE COMMAND. THE SOURCE STATED THAT THIS ACTION WAS IN  
RESPONSE TO THE INCREASE IN ANTI-INDIAN PRONOUNCEMENTS  
BY THE BDG. CONGEN CALCUTTA EVALUATES THE SOURCE AS  
RELIABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT OPERATIONAL MATTERS BUT  
NOTES THAT HE MAY NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE OVERALL POLICY  
CONSIDERATIONS THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA  
TOLD THE DCM SEPTEMBER 1 THAT THE GOI HAS TAKEN STEPS  
TO CONTROL "CROSS BORDER" ACTIVITIES. AS BOTH INDIAN  
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AND BANGLADESH MILITARY SOURCES IN NEW DELHI STATE THAT

THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS ON THE BORDER AT THIS TIME, WE  
BELIEVE THAT THE INCREASED PATROLLING DESCRIBED BY THE  
CONGEN CALCUTTA EASTERN COMMAND SOURCE IS PROBABLY  
THE SAME ACTIVITY MENTIONED BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.  
GIVEN THE NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE IN NEW DELHI ON THE  
FARAKKA DISPUTE, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE  
GOI WOULD WANT TO ENGAGE IN PROVOCATIVE MILITARY  
ACTIVITY AT THIS TIME.  
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